

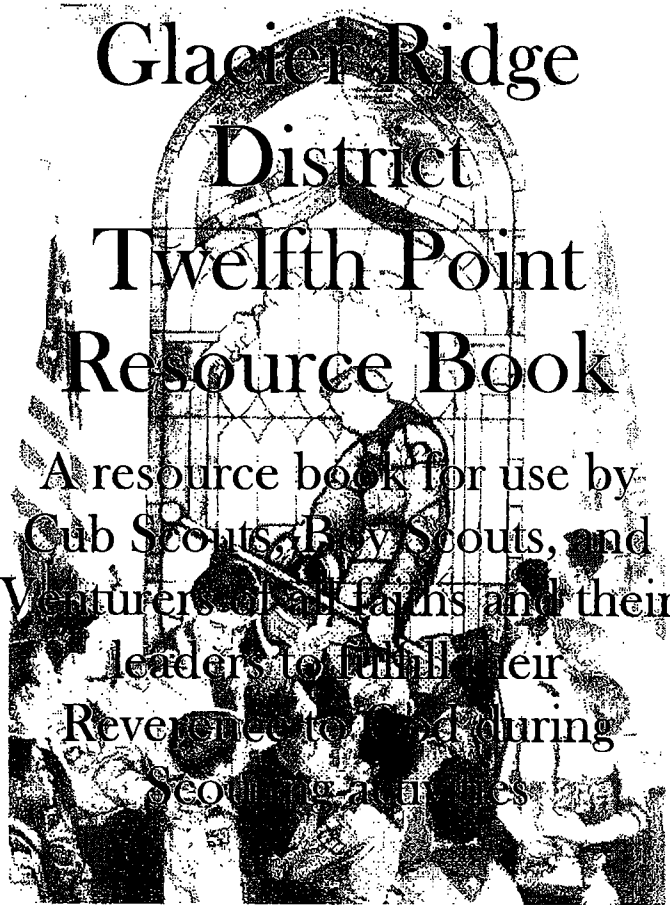
Glacier Ridge District Twelfth Point Resource Book

Instructions for Printing and Assembly

1. Print the pages of the booklet from the pdf file.
 - a. There are 18 pages that are 8.5 by 11 inches
 - b. Each of the 18 pages has four small pages on it.
 - c. Copy the 18 pages two-sided (that is, onto nine sheets of paper).
The front and back of the two-sided pages correspond so that the upper left hand numbered small pages of the larger pages match as follows:

<u>Front</u>	<u>Back</u>
Blank page (left of front cover)	Table of Contents
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Page 6	Page 60
Page 10	Page 56
Page 14	Page 52
Page 18	Page 48
Page 22	Page 44
Page 26	Page 40
Page 30	Page 36

2. Cut each of the nine two-sided pages in half across the middle (5.5 inches from the top and the bottom).
3. Fold each of these half sheets in half so the folded piece is 5.5 inches high and 4.25 inches wide. An odd numbered page should be on the front of each folded segment. It will work best if you get a good crease with each fold by folding only one sheet at a time.
4. Assemble the pages so that, in booklet form, the pages will be in order.
5. Staple the booklet at the seam using two staples. This may require a long arm stapler.
6. Your booklet is done, ready to carry in a pocket or pack.



Glacier Ridge District Twelfth Point Resource Book

A resource book for use by
Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and
Venturers of all faiths and their
leaders to fulfill their
Reverence to God during
Scouting activities.

Introduction

This booklet is intended as a resource to help youths and adults plan and carry out reverent moments during Scouting activities. It is small so that it can be carried in the field and used during outdoor activities. For much more extensive resources, please refer to the bibliography at the back.

One guiding principle of this book is that it be inclusive and provide for worship that will not exclude a person of any faith. Please use it accordingly. You may also diversify your religious experiences by inviting Scouts of different faiths to share a prayer from their specific faith, provided it is made clear that no Scout is required to adhere to that faith.

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the booklet, please contact Glenn Morriscal at 216-751-9035.

Bibliography and Other Resources

"A Scout's Duty to God and Country," found at:
usscouts.org/scoutduty/index.html

The Big Book of Scout Worship Services, found at:
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"Chaplain Resources for Scouting," found at:
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"For Scouts' Own (November 19, 1998) An anthology of inspirational material, for use in putting together Scouts Own Ceremonies" found at:
www.kidslist.uc.edu/kidslist/gs/neil/scown.html

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Scout Worship Services and Prayers – "A Scout is Reverent," edited by Steve Tobin and found at: www.netwoods.com

The MacScouters Big "A Scout is Reverent" Resource Book, found at:
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ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

Continued

A SCOUT'S PRAYER by Lord Baden-Powell

Our Father, make us Trustworthy, for there are those who trust us. Make us Loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals. Teach us to be Helpful, for through helpfulness do we forget our selfness. Make us Friendly, for there are so many who need a friend. Train us in Courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet on life's floor. Make us kind for kindness is the oil in the cogs of life's machinery. Insist upon our Obedience, for victory comes only to him who obeys. Make us Cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in the path of life. Train us in Thrift, for thrifty habits brighten our future. Make us Brave; brave in the dark and brave in the light; but save us from becoming fakers in bravery. Help us to be Clean - clean in thoughts, in speech, and in deed. And may we remember that our bodies are Thy holy temples, and that any abuse thereof is to tamper with Thy Great Plans. Above all, O God, help us to be Reverent toward all things which Thou hast made for our enjoyment when we are in Thy great out-of-doors, among the trees, along the streams, and on the hillsides. May we know it was Thee who made the waters to flow, the trees to reach heavenward, the mountains to endure to all ages. In all these things we ask that Thou wilt help us. And may we never forget the Scout Oath to which we all have pledged ourselves, so that through Thy help we may live these points of our Scout Law.

Prayers before Meals

Continued

We thank You for the morning light,
for rest and shelter of the night;
For health and food,
For love and friends;
For everything Your goodness sends.
Amen.

Jamaican Camp Grace

Lift up your hearts;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
For this our bread;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
For these our friends;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
For this our camp;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
For this our world;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
We thank the Lord;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks

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Prayers before Meals

Continued

World Hunger Grace

For food in a world where many walk in hunger,
For faith in a world where many walk in fear,
For friends in a world where many walk alone,
We give Thee humble thanks, Oh, Lord.

Mountain Meadows Grace

(Mountain Meadows is a resident camp in California)

We thank the Lord for the food we eat,
For camping fun and the friends we meet,
For the rushing streams and the calm cool breeze,
For lovely meadows and tall green trees.

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Songs and Hymns

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This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings, the music of
the spheres.
This is my Father's world! I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas. His hand
the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. The birds their carols
raise.

The morning light, the lily white, declare their
maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's
fair;

in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

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Songs and Hymns

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Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day,
While our campfire fades away.
Silently each scout should ask:
"Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?"

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ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

CAMPER'S PRAYER

George Earle Owen

God of the mountains and hills, make me tall and strong;
 Tall enough and strong enough to right some wrong.
 God of the stars, make me steadfast and sure;
 God of every lake and stream, flow through my life and make it
 clean;
 Let me do nothing base or mean.
 God of the trees and woods, keep me fresh and pure;
 God of the rain, wash from my life all dirt and stain;
 Pure and strong let me remain.
 God of the seed and soil, plant in my heart thy love;
 God of the darkness and day, through shadows or light, be my stay.
 Guide thou my way.
 God of the radiant sun, light thou my life;
 God of the glorious dawn, make each day a fresh start.
 God of the evening peace and quiet, keep me free from fear and
 strife.
 God of the gay, free birds, sing in my heart.
 God of the surging waves and sea, wide horizons give to me;
 Help me to see the world as thou would have it be;
 God of the lovely rose, make me lovely, too;
 God of the morning dew, each day my faith renew.
 God of all growing things, keep me growing, too.

Songs and Hymns

Continued

Taps

Day is done, gone the sun,
 From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
 All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, dims the sight,
 And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
 From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
 'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;
 As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Sun has set, shadows come,
 Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds
 Always true to the promise that they made.

While the light fades from sight,
 And the stars gleaming rays softly send,
 To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.

Prayers before Meals

It is always appropriate to offer some form of prayer before a meal. The prayer leader may initiate the moment by saying something like "Please prepare yourself for prayer."

Philmont Grace

For food, for raiment,
 For life, for opportunity,
 For friendship and fellowship,
 We thank thee, O Lord.

Amen

All good things come from you, O God.
 You have given us our food, our friends, and all our
 blessings. Give us one thing more -- a grateful
 heart. *Amen*

Prayers before Meals

Continued

Eagles thank the Lord for the mountains
 Fish thank the Lord for the sea
 We thank the Lord for our blessings
 For what we are about to receive

Heavenly Father, help us to see the beautiful things
 in earth and sky which are tokens of Thy love.
 Walk with us in the days we spend together here.
 May the food we eat and all Thy blessings help us
 to better serve Thee.

From the National Jewish Committee on Scouting

Orchard and ocean, farm and field
 We thank our maker for all they yield.
 For earth and water, for flower and seed
 We thank you God in thought, word and deed.

Prayers before Meals

Continued

Oh, the Lord is good to me,
and so I thank the Lord, for giving me
the things I need,
the sun and the rain and
the apple seed,
Oh, the Lord is good to me. *Amen*

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Invocations

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Please join with me in prayer as we ask the Great
Master of all Scouts to be present with us during
this [ceremony, meeting, etc.].

Father in Heaven, we ask you to join us in this
gathering and celebration. Use this gathering to
inspire vision, and to encourage others to follow in
the right path. Help us to give praise and honor to
those deserving it and to support and nurture those
needing it, and lead us in the way of the Scout Oath
and Law. *Amen*

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Songs and Hymns

Continued

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America. My home sweet home.

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Songs and Hymns

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now can see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my Fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

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Songs and Hymns

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Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for the springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

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Songs and Hymns

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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us
lies:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful
praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the
night.

Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon and stars of light.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful
praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful
praise.

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Prayers before Meals

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A Buddhist Blessing of the Meal

This food is the gift of the whole universe - the earth, the sky, and much hard work. May we live in a way that makes us worthy to receive it. May we transform our unskillful states of mind, especially our greed. May we take only foods that nourish us and prevent illness. We accept this food so that we may realize the path of practice.

A Native American Prayer

We thank Great Spirit for the resources that made this food possible; we thank the Earth Mother for producing it, and we thank all those who labored to bring it to us. May the wholesomeness of the food before us, bring out the wholeness of the Spirit within us.

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Invocations

An invocation may be used before a formal gathering, such as a Court of Honor, or as the beginning of a worship service. Invocations have become very problematic in some settings, such as government meetings, because many clergy will not conduct an invocation without invoking the name of a particular deity. If clergy will provide an invocation, it is important to have a clear understanding of what is expected.

As we gather here together,
We remind ourselves of those things
Which are truly important to us --
Our friends, our family, and our God.
Lord, we thank you for the opportunity for this
occasion to be together,
And pray for guidance, wisdom,
And continued success. Amen.

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Invocations

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In an environment blighted by waste and extravagance, let us be Thrifty. When confronted with danger and temptation, let us be Brave. As we see filth and pollution everywhere, let us be Clean.

While witnessing impiety and irreligion, let us remember to be Reverent.

In short, in a world that has for generation after generation lamented the lack of good examples, let us, as Scouts, stand out, grow up, and be good examples. --Amen

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Messages and Contemplations

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Excerpts from observations by
Lord Robert Baden-Powell

The daily good turn, without desire for reward, which grows by progressive stages till it becomes a habit of conduct, goes on till it involves sacrifices in time or money or pleasures, even to the extent of involving danger to the life of the performer.

We teach the boy that a gift is not his till he has expressed his gratitude for it. His attitude to God is, therefore, thankfulness for benefits received; and his method for expressing this is through service, in behalf of God, to his fellow-men.

This repression of self and development of that love, which means God within, brings a total change of heart to the individual and with it the glow of true Heaven. It makes a different being of him. The question becomes for him not what can I get, but what can I give in life.

From this should ensue the reign of peace upon earth.

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Complete Services

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Prayer

(In Unison - Please stand)

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear my prayer. Let me walk in beauty through all my days. May my eyes see sunrise freshness and sunset glory. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your many voices.

I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Make me wise that I may learn the lessons you teach – the lessons hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers and sisters but to fight my greatest enemy – myself. Oh, Great Spirit, hear me. Make me ready so when life fades to a last sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame. Amen.

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Complete Services

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Leader: For forgiveness when we saw the need to help and passed that need by. When we failed to ask if we could be helpful to a friend. Lord in your mercy,

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: For the spirit to be friendly to all people and even to those who are unfriendly. Lord in your mercy,

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: For the gift of courtesy to all people, but especially to the elderly, the disabled and the little children. Lord in your mercy,

Response: **Hear our prayer**

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